

## Message Text

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DRAFTED BY NEA/ARN:CMONROE:DAV  
APPROVED BY NEA/ARN:WNHOWELL  
EXIM-AMEMMET (PHONE)  
EB/ODF-TPARKER (SUBS)  
-----096834 040557Z /12

R 030245Z SEP 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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FROM NEA/ARN-MONROE

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EINV, SY

SUBJECT: EXIM AND SYRIA

REF: DAMASCUS 5517

1. TALKED TO EXIM TO CLARIFY POSITION ON SYRIA. CASE IN QUESTION INVOLVES PARENT--NATIONAL GYPSUM IN DALLAS--WHICH CONFERRED WITH BANKS IN NEW YORK REGARDING POSSIBLE FINANCING OF 50 PERCENT OF PROPOSED TRANSACTION. BANK(S) CONSULTED WANTED GUARANTEE FROM EXIM, AND WHEN LOOKING INTO COUNTRY LIMITATIONS SCHEDULE FOR SYRIA, FOUND THAT GUARANTEE PROGRAMS WERE "CLOSED." NO ONE IN PARENT COMPANY TALKED DIRECTLY WITH ANYONE FROM EXIM.

2. EXIM POSITION IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE READ AS "NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECOMMENDING LOANS TO SYRIA" NOR CAN IT BE INFERRED THAT EXI BELIEVES SUCH LOANS ARE "BAD IDEA."

3. FYI. EXIM IS NOT COMPLETELY AVERSE TO IDEA OF REOPENING ITS LOAN PROGRAM IN SYRIA, WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE 1967, IF CIRCUMSTANCES WERE RIGHT ON ALL COUNTS. EXIM BELIEVES THAT ABOVE TRANSACTION IS TOO LARGE TO PROVIDE SUITABLE

TEST CASE. CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

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